

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the applications:

1. (Currently Amended) A topstay for rowing or sculling boat riggers comprising:

a. ~~an elongated tubular member including an~~ an outer tubular member and an inner tubular member longitudinally aligned and telescopically connected together, said outer tubular member ~~including~~ having a distal end and said inner tubular member having a proximal end;

b. a tubular housing diagonally aligned and attached to said distal end of said outer tubular member, said tubular housing including two opposite end openings;

~~b. c.~~ a rotating pin connector connected to inserted into one said distal end of end opening on said outer tubular member housing, located on said tubular housing, said pin connector capable of connecting to an oarlock pin on a rigger;

~~e. d.~~ means to fix for attaching said pin connector on to said tubular housing; and,

~~d. e.~~ means for attaching said inner tubular member to a boat hull.

2. (Currently Amended) The topstay as recited in Claim 1, wherein said means for attaching said inner tubular member to a boat hull is a transversely aligned pivot connector selectively attached to said proximal end of said inner tubular member and a base bracket attached to a boat hull, said base bracket including means for holding said pivot connector and in a transverse orientation thereover allowing said pivot connector to rotate thereover.

3. (Currently Amended) The topstay as recited in Claim 1, wherein said tubular housing

1 includes two hollow spacers located near said distal end and on opposite sides of said  
2 outer tubular member, said pin connector to said outer tubular member is a diagonally  
3 aligned tubular housing formed on said outer tubular member and a bolt that extends  
4 through said tubular housing and connects to said pin connector to hold said pin connector  
5 on one end of said tubular housing.

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7 4. (Currently Amended) The topstay as recited in Claim 1 3, wherein said means for  
8 attaching ~~said to attach~~ said pin connector to said topstay ~~is a modified outer tubular~~  
9 ~~member with an end opening, a end connector that fits into said end opening, and tubular~~  
10 housing is an end plug inserted into the distal end of said tubular member and a bolt that  
11 extends through one said spacer and said tubular housing and connects to said pin  
12 connector. two diagonally aligned spacers located over the outer surface of said modified  
13 outer tubular member.

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15 5. (Currently Amended) The topstay as recited in Claim 1, wherein said tubular housing  
16 ~~pin connector~~ is aligned between 30 to 45 degrees on the said distal end of said ~~topstay~~ outer  
17 tubular member.

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19 6. (New) The topstay as recited in Claim 3, wherein said spacers are aligned near said distal  
20 end of said outer tubular member between 30 to 45 degrees.